

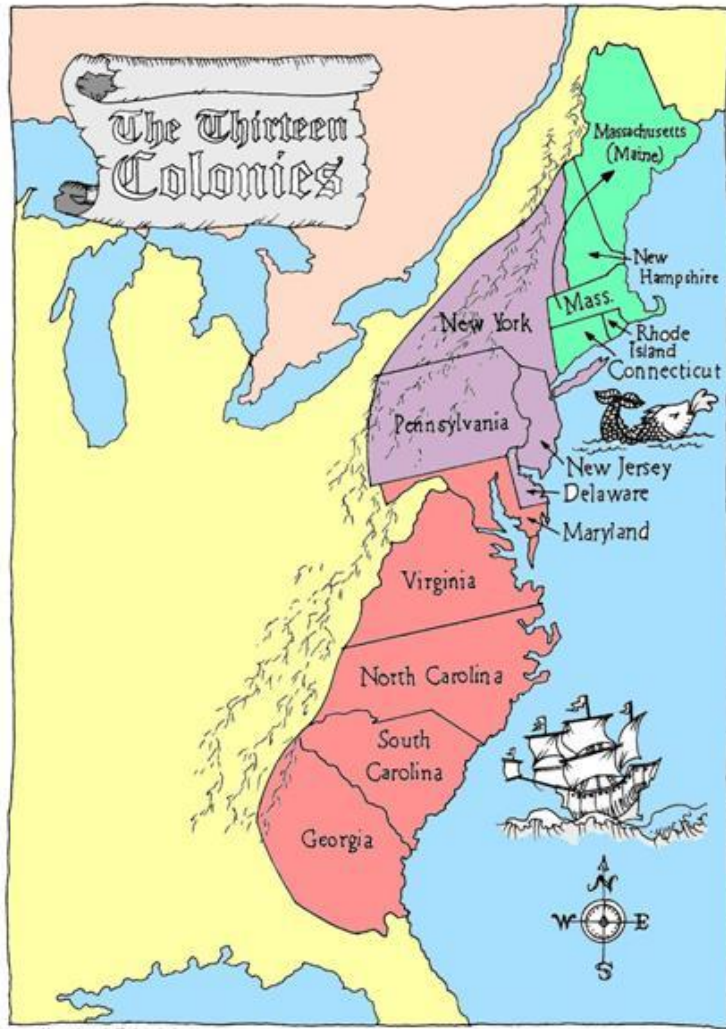


## Chapter 5 – The Struggle to Found Colonies

# England: The Power House

- *Can you think of some things you might do as the ruler of this great country in order to increase your power and influence around the world? What would they be?*
  - **Partner Turn & Talk**: write down some things you would do if you were king or queen to make your country powerful.
- It was during this time that England decided they wanted to create colonies in North America.
- England was **not** the only country in Europe to be traveling the world for wealth and power. **England was in direct competition with Spain, Holland, and Portugal.**

# Money, Money, Money!



**England created colonies in the Americas for a few reasons:**

1. They wanted to use the colonies as a stopping point between other trade locations.
2. They wanted to “spread out” and control more parts of the world. Remember, they were competing against other countries for trade domination.
3. They wanted to use this new territory in order to get their hands on new natural resources.
4. They wanted new locations where they could create more trade.





Sugar, tobacco, and  
cotton to Europe

Slaves to the  
Americas

Textiles, rum and  
manufactured  
goods to Africa

# Important Side-Note

- It is important to remember that even though many explorers came from Europe to find wealth in the New World, there was a society already thriving in the Americas.
  - *Can you think of who they could be?*
- Yes, the Native Indians.
- The Native Indians already lived in the Americas for thousands of years, with rich traditions already in place.
  - *How do you believe they felt when foreigners started arriving and settling on their land?*

- In **1584**, Queen Elizabeth sent Sir Walter Raleigh to set up England's first colony in North America.
- In July of **1585**, the colonists land on an island just off the coast of present-day North Carolina. The island was called Roanoke.





# Trouble from the Start

- In less than one year, the colony failed.
- The colonists did not know how to survive in their new environment.
- Sir Francis Drake visited the colony in **1586** and found the colonists starving and took them back to England.
- In **July 1587**, Raleigh sent a second group to settle Roanoke Island

# A Second Chance

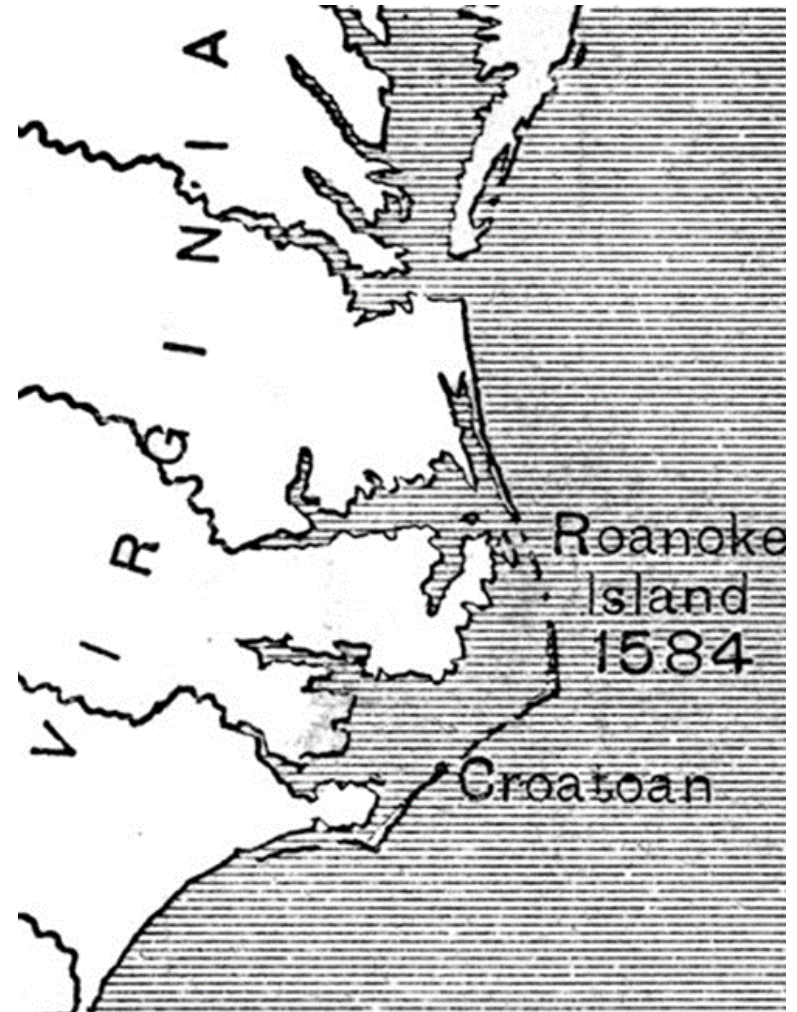


- Sir Walter Raleigh appointed John White to be the leader of the second group sent to Roanoke Island
- In **August 1587**, after John White helped the colonists get settled, he went back to England for supplies.
- While he was



# Three Years Later

- After England defeated Spain, John White returned to Roanoke – only to find everyone was gone!
- All that remained were some torn books, maps ruined by rain, and weapons covered with rust.
- He found the letters **CRO** carved on a nearby tree and the word **CROATOAN** carved on a wooden



# The Lost Colony

- John White searched for the settlers he had left behind. He fired shots into the air, and even played music from a wooden flute.
- They searched but found nothing. They shouted but no one answered.
- Nothing was ever found of the people of Roanoke Isl

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o99Y4Brq-GY&feature=related>

